

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. With entry of the present amendment, claims 1-3, 5-6 and 8-18 are pending.

The Office indicated that claims 3, 4, 7 and 11-17 contain allowable subject matter, and are merely objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. In the foregoing amendment, the limitations of objected-to claims 4 and 7 are incorporated into their respective parent independent claims 1 and 6. Further, claims 11, 12, 13 and 15 are rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, all claims now address subject matter considered to be allowable. The objections and rejections of the claims should now be withdrawn.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims 1 and 6 as previously presented in a continuation application.

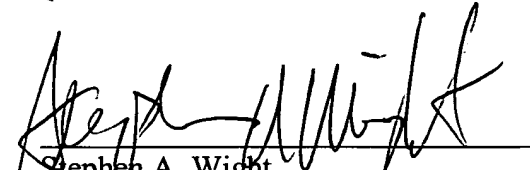
Conclusion

The application should now be in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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